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This application claims priority under 35 USC §120 to the following United States patent applications: 09/663,747, filed 09/15/2000 now U.S. Patent 6,592,550, 09/848,742 filed 05/03/2001 now U.S. Patent 6,881,209. In accordance with 37 C.F.R §1.98(d), the Examiner is directed to the references cited in all Information Disclosure Statements filed in the priority United States patent applications cited above in addition to the references cited herein.

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(c), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

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C.F.R §1.98(a)(3). Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 CFR §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 CFR §1.56(a).

Applicants have calculated a processing fee in the amount of \$180.00 to be due under 37 CFR §1.17(p) in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$180.00 to Deposit Account No. 23-1925 to cover the fees listed above or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

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